

The Merkel Mail

December 4, 1980...Merkel, Texas

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Santa will be in town Saturday at 10:30 for the Christmas parade (File photo by Glenn Richards)

City will start charging for landfill use Jan. 1

The ordinance adopted at the Merkel City Council meeting last Monday sets penalties and fines for persons that do not properly use the Merkel Sanitary landfill.

In last week's Mail, we printed a list of fees that will be collected for using the landfill for all people that do not live in the city limits.

This week, the Mail is printing the rest of the ordinance.

The ordinance reads as follows:
Payment of the Refuse Disposal Service fee shall be made by presentation and surrender to the refuse disposal division at the designated disposal area of a ticket purchased from the utilities office of the City of Merkel. The City Utility Office shall provide for advanced sale of tickets to be used by persons disposing of refuse as payment for the said refuse disposal fees.

Section II. Waiver of Fees
The City Utility office shall have the authority to waive fees on a need basis to non-profit groups who are performing clean-up campaigns.

Section III. Setting of hours and days for operation.
The City Council of the City of Merkel does hereby set the hours of public disposal of the city's landfill to be from 7:00 AM-12:00 noon and 1:00 PM-4:00 PM Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday and Saturday. Landfill to be closed Sunday and Monday.

Section IV. Closing of Landfill.
The City utility department shall have the authority to close the City Landfill for public disposal during periods of inclement weather such as high winds, rain, snow, or ice storms.

Section V. Scavenging.
Any and all acts of scavenging at the landfill are hereby prohibited by any and all persons.

Section VI. Egress-Egress
Any person other than City of Merkel Personnel not in the act of disposal of refuse shall obtain written permission from the City utility office before entering said landfill site. That if any provision of any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way affect the validity of this remaining provisions of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

That any person that violates any section of their ordinance shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined no less than \$5.00 nor more than \$200.00.

The enforcement of the ordinance should begin Jan. 1 according to Merkel City Manager, J.A. Sadler.

Merkel ousted from 8AA

You might say Merkel is a school without a district, officially, for the moment.

The University Interscholastic League in Austin informed MISD last week by letter that the executive committee had met and decided Merkel should be moved to AAA as soon as possible for all sports and UIL events excluding football.

At a district meeting Tuesday at Region 14 Education Service Center in Abilene, District 8AA voted to oust Merkel from 8AA. Merkel High principal Allen Merritt spoke with the district chairman from 7AAA, and he said they would formally decide the issue December 7th. A straw poll conducted by the 7AAA chairman indicated only one school would oppose the change.

The enrollment dispute arose when MISD mistakenly submitted the wrong set of enrollment figures two years ago on a UIL report. The district used average daily attendance figures instead of average daily membership. The lower figure allowed Merkel to be erroneously classified AA.

The impact of Tuesday's decision is Merkel will continue to play their scheduled games until

about Jan. 13, when they will start play in district 7AAA. The Merkel girls team will get a break because they lost their district opener to Winters last week.

District 7AAA includes Clyde, Wylie, Breckenridge, Stamford and Colorado City.

GED classes offered

Merkel ISD School Board recently approved the Competency Based High School Diploma Program. The proposal is being presented to the Texas Education Agency for approval.

Adults desiring a high school diploma, may enroll in Adult Education Classes held at Merkel Middle School, Room 1, every Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30.

Interested adults (16 years or older) may contact Milly or Glen Bright, 928-5680, or come to class on Monday or Tuesday (6:30-8:30) for instruction and assistance in preparing for the G.E.D. Tests or the Diploma Program.

All books are furnished and there is no enrollment fee for classes. There are 31 adults enrolled in the Merkel Adult Education Classes.

Parade is Saturday

The Merkel Christmas Parade is set for Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. and of you-know-who will be on hand to toss out candy to the kids.

This year, the parade will be led by the Merkel High Band and will also include students from Clark's Twirling Academy in Abilene.

Martha Sue Justice of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, said, "We have had quite a few pledges from local groups and merchants for cars and floats in the parade and we are hoping the parade this year will be one of the best ever."

Also riding in the parade will be winners in this year's Miss Merry Christmas competition. The winners are: Lori Snowden of Tye Elementary, Krystal West of Merkel Elementary, Abby Irvin of Merkel Middle School and Donna Green of Merkel High.

The parade is scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m.

Gins kind'a quiet

Only Planters Gin in Trent reported any cotton on the yard Monday and they had six trailers. Planters Gin has ginned 740 bales so far this season.

At the Co-Op Gin in Merkel, they reported no cotton on the yard Monday and have ginned 785 bales this season. They also reported receiving a few sample grade cards back and most was classified strictly low and light spot.

At Stith Gin, Finley Barnett said it may be Thursday before they receive any cotton to gin. They have ginned 380 bales so far.

Girls lose

The Badger girls lost their first district basketball game in Winters last Tuesday night 61-46, or did they?

The district Merkel will compete in during spring sports had not formally been decided last week so the loss may count in district standings, but probably will not.

Badger Coach Mary Clark said, "We ran across a team that played a man-to-man defense and they were just too fast for us. We played respectably, but not well."

Norma Frazier led the Badgers with 21 points and Nancy Click was held to 8 points. Sarah Prasarn added 6 in the loss.

The Badgers played Hawley Tuesday night (details not available at press deadline) and will play in the Anson tournament this weekend. Their first round game will be against Anson Thursday.

Jackie Owen led the girls Junior Varsity with 15 points as they lost to Winters 45-37. Denise Pack added 8.

The junior varsity will be playing in the Winters tournament this weekend.

Boys in Anson tournament

The boys varsity basketball team travels to the Anson Tourney, December 4-6. The Badgers will be facing Jim Ned, Hamlin, Anson, and Knox City.

The last time the Anson and Merkel varsity teams met, Merkel came out the victor. Coach Gholke said, "Our shooting percentage hurt us real bad that game," as the 5 point margin showed.

At the beginning of the season, Merkel was picked 3rd in district. Behind first place Hamlin and second place Jim Ned. Asked about district, Gholke said, "It's really too early to tell. We play Hawley, Baird, and at the Anson tournament before we start district."

Going into the game against Hawley, the team was doing pretty good. "It's really hard to tell what they have, but they'll be pretty good."

Centennial celebration ideas start rolling in

A letter to the editor in this week's Mail indicates at least one local person is very interested in celebrating this summer's 100th anniversary of Merkel's founding.

Joe Lassiter's letter proposed the celebration take on the tone of a pageant, depicting the various periods in this part of the country's history.

Mr. Lassiter's idea is a valid one and that is basically the way the community celebrated the golden calvacade and Merkel's 75th anniversary of it's founding in 1956.

Then, the community organized a celebration and hired a professional consultant to come up with a play depicting the community's history.

The Mail would certainly like to see a copy of the script that was used in 1956 and we believe that local resources could be used to put on what ever type of pageant that will depict our historical background.

A couple of moves must first be made. A local centennial celebration committee needs to be organized, and sanctioned by the Merkel City Council, The Merkel Chamber of Commerce, and the Merkel Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Once that centennial committee is formally organized and recognized by the various local governing bodies, commitments of time, resources and promises of help could be obtained.

The Mail would like to suggest from the start that the centennial celebration be either held with or comfortably separated from the Fun Day festivities held on July 4th. Last year was the first Fun Day celebration and it had enormous success. That celebration also required two months of diligent preparation, the centennial celebration would require at least that much preparation. The Mail suggest that either late August or July 4th be used because a date earlier would conflict with all of the summer youth baseball here.

It will take more than the interests of a couple of folks here to make the centennial celebration successful. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Lassiter or the Mail.

The Mail will seek a spot on the agenda with the Merkel City Council next Monday night to gauge the council's feeling on the proposed celebration.



MISD maintenance supervisor Hayden Reeves installs a plaque naming the new addition to the vocational agriculture building here the Chester

Collinsworth Center. The plaque was donated to MISD by an anonymous donor in honor of Collinsworth's 40 years of service to the school district. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Leftovers, class, celebration...more

by Cloy A. Richards

Plopp, plopp, fizz, fizz.
Has your stomach recovered from it's annual stuffing over Thanksgiving? Has your family finally consumed all of the traditional bird yet? And, now, the Holiday attention turns to Christmas.

A fine turnout at a meeting last week indicated the local support of Merkel's non tax operated, volunteer run ambulance service.

About 20 people will be starting Saturday to take an Emergency Care Attendant Course, a pre-requisite to the Emergency Medical Technician Course. The classes will be held on Saturdays and two evenings during the week.

If anyone is interested in attending the training, please contact Vernon Wade at Ann's Flowers before Saturday.

The centennial celebration idea is rolling right along it seems as a letter to the editor on this week's paper tends to suggest.

If you have any ideas on the celebration, please let me know.

The annual Christmas parade is Saturday and

you will want to bring your children in to town for that event.

It will mark the arrival of Santa in Merkel and he will, of course, be tossing candy to the kids in the crowd.

It will also be a good chance for local residents to check out the Christmas specials on hand here from local merchants. Remember, Merkel receives no tax benefits when you do your gift shopping out of town and money kept here will be generated again and again.

Make sure you attend the Christmas parade at 10:30 Saturday morning.

The weather has gone from snow, to Indian summer and then back again to cold in the past two weeks, but what else is new?

The folks at the county extension office are excited about the winter wheat prospects because of the early moisture left by the snow two weeks ago. They also mentioned they were getting awful tired of having pessimistic things to say about local crops and said they are really looking forward to a successful harvest.

I am sure there are a lot of local farmers that are thinking the same thing. It's about time for a good harvest.

Writer suggests celebration

Dear Editor:
The Centennial of Merkel, Texas, identifiable as a community, will be in 1981. It was in 1881 that a Mr. S.H. Merkel came to make his home in this part of Taylor County and he gave his name to the community, so Merkel became a recorded spot on the map. Taylor County had been created in 1859 by an act of the Texas Legislature, carved from the counties of Bexar and Travis. We, the people of Merkel, joined by residents of its trade territory, ought to mark the 100th year of our town with proper and appropriate ceremony and celebration. Whatever expression of recognition is chosen, one which includes the participation of all the people of Merkel and its trade territory should be implemented. There are various methods by which proper recognition may be expressed. I would submit a scenario depicting the general life style and major accomplishments of the people, covering the period from the creation of Taylor County, 1859 to 1981, broken down into detailed eras of 20 years: 1859-1879

(The Pre-Community Period); 1880-1900 (The Formative Period); 1900-1920 (City Charter, Trade and Business Expansion, World War Period); 1920-1940 (Post War Adjustments, Drought, Economic Depression Period); 1940-1960 (War Jitters, War Hardships, Rural Electricity, Pipe Lined Water, Modernization, Paved Roads, Economic Recovery Period); 1981 (Happy Birthday!).
Each of these eras could be presented with local talent in the form of a Pageant. To 'Flesh' out the eras in desired detailed portrayals, commentary and film could be used. The setting for the presentation of the Pageant could be the Football Field with the stands for the spectators. The year 1981 is upon us! I trust there is someone or group in the greater Merkel community who will share their plan of how to honor our 'Town Of 100 Years'.

Sincerely Yours,
Joe E. Lassiter
1211 S. 3rd
Merkel, Texas



Xi Nu Chi's annual Christmas Bizarre will be held Saturday at the West Texas Utilities Building here from 8:30 until noon. Pictured here are Xi Nu Chie members (Left to right) Mamie Steck, Kathy Leverich and Louise DuBose with some of the items that will be for sale. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Tye city hall has vacancies

Whats Happening in Tye
By Harold Boyd

Now that we have finished with Thanksgiving, or are you still eating turkey? In any case, do hopw yours was one of many blessings, fellowship and football and current events amongst each family. Last week's article was sent but apparently didn't arrive in time for print.

The rush is on for Christmas shopping and the biggest item is prices. With the high cost of living, prices like they are, the season to be jolly can come to an abrupt end. The list may be long but again the household word must have some cuts on Santa's list just like the extra frills on the grocery list. In any case, you have less than 20 days of shopping left. Again, don't forget your fine, appreciated merchants in Merkel. They will appreciate your patronage and you can place your trust in them. What ever, have fun on these last days of this year shopping.

News in and around Tye...not any, so as I gather, surely there is some news of up coming events of your organization and we'd be happy to spread your news. Do drop us a note of your calendar of events prior to each Friday.

There are questions that some of you are asking in reference to law enforcement, City

maintance and street repairs. I, for one, don't have the answers but suggest you contact your mayor or request to be put on the adgenda prior to the next city council meeting to ask your council then. Yes, the streets are a mess, as well as the intersections, grading and what ever, signs down and not up, but this is the way it is. Surely the contractors will take care of this upon the completion of the sewer project. What about replacement for Freeman Harrison? Still, I don't have an answer, same for law enforcement. What are the answers, we encourage you to go to your city council meetings. These meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month, starting at 7 p.m. and are held at City Hall. You are welcome to attend them and as where you can get your answer on or what is going on.

Beings that this year is about to draw to a close, let's take a look over the past eleven months, and plan on the things ahead in 1981. Surely we can achieve the goals over this past year in 1981. The year 1980 can be said that it was one of high cost of living, different crisis in government and a change in leadership, one is to hope for the better in 81. Only time will tell.

For this week, thanks for reading the Mail and we'll see you next week. Remember our hostages in your prayers that they may be home soon.

Cynthia Pinckley succumbs at 98

Cynthia Marcella Pinckley, 98, a long-time resident of Merkel, died at 7 a.m. Tuesday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock

after a long illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Ray Elmore,

pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Van Gauthier, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Italy. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck

Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Floyd Reeves, David Reeves, Phillip Morgan, Neal Morgan, Charles Patterson and Ted White.

Dye earns GED

Sheri Dye, a member of the Merkel Adult Education Class, passed her G.E.D. (General Education Development) Tests. This is a test series covering writing skills, social studies, science, reading skills, and mathematics. Sheri's successful results on her tests give her a high school equivalency certification.

Sheri is continuing her education by working on her competency-based high school diploma program which is now being offered at Merkel for the first time. Upon completion of this program, Sheri will receive her Merkel Competency Based High School Diploma. Congratulations Sheri!

Classes are held every Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 in Room 1 of the Merkel Middle School. The classes are taught by Glen and Milly Bright.

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Hart's celebrate 25th anniversary

As an observance of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart were honored with a dinner held at the Royal Inn in Abilene on November 29, 1980. Hosting the event were the couple's children, Lesa Hart of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hart of Tullia, Texas.

Mitzi and Don Hart met in Eastland, Texas. They were married at Central Presbyterian Church in Abilene on November 26, 1955.

During their married life, they have lived in Eastland, Wichita Falls, Coleman, Stephenville, and for the past ten years, in Merkel. Both have been active in youth activities, civic organizations, professional organizations and church activities throughout the year.

Lesa Hart says, "Our parents are two special people who have given a large portion of their lives to the service and help of others. They have

both been recognized in their respective professions as outstanding. Andy and I would like to publicly recognize them as outstanding parents. Our home has been filled with love, devotion, caring and unselfishness. Our lives have been enriched by our parents, and their influence will always be a part of our lives. We salute our parents on their twenty-five years together and thank them for all they are to us."

Mr. Hart is manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, and Mrs. Hart is the Reading Specialist for Sweetwater High School. She is a former Merkel teacher.

Special guests, besides the Harts and their children at the dinner, were: Mrs. Winnie Billingsley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan, and Jennings Teel of San Angelo.

The Harts were presented a large pewter urn by their children in honor of the occasion.

Driggers-Kasper wedding held

The First Baptist Church of Trent was the setting at 3 p.m. Saturday for the marriage of Judy Kay and Robert J. Kasper, Jr. The Rev. Rudy Fambrough led the couple in repeating double ring vows.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride carried a cascade of burgundy and pink roses.

The bride's attendants were: her sister, Mrs. Debbie Wofford and Sue Brazelton. Flowergirl was Kristi Bailey of Abilene, cousin of the bride. Ronnie D. Adams, Jr., of Midland, nephew of the bride, was ringbearer. Bestman to the groom was Jimmy Capps of Austin and groomsmen was Alan Kasper of Austin, brother of the bridegroom.

Immediately following the ceremony, a

reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church.

The newlyweds honeymooned in San Antonio and Houston.

Parents of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kasper, of Austin, hosted the rehearsal dinner, in the banquet room at the Lamp Post Restaurant in Sweetwater.

The bride is a graduate of Trent High School and Texas State Technical Institute. She is employed by the Justice of the Peace Office in Sweetwater.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Lyndon Johnson High School in Austin and Texas State Technical Institute and is employed by Treanor Equipment Company of Abilene.

The couple will live in Trent.

FFA spotlights Farmer, Campbell, Riggan

This week we are spotlighting members of our V.A. III classes.

Kevin Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Farmer, is a junior at M.H.S. and is enrolled in V.A. III. His project program is a duroc pig, which he plans to carry to the Houston Stock Show. Kevin also participates on the varsity basketball team.

Danny Riggan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Riggan, is a junior at M.H.S. and is enrolled in

V.A. III. His project program consists of a duroc pig, which he plans to carry to the Houston Stock Show. Danny also participates on the varsity basketball team.

Jay Campbell, son of Mrs. Monah Sue Cannon, is a junior at M.H.S. and is enrolled in V.A. III class. His project program consists of a duroc pig, which he plans to carry to the Houston Stock Show. Jay plans to be on the track team this year.

Fortnightly club has meeting

The Fortnightly Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Connie Mack Seymoure on Tuesday, November 25, 1980. Mrs. Andy Shouse, president, presided. The group voted to send a Christmas donation to Girls Ranch, one of the Texas Woman's Club projects. The members voted, also, to bring linens (sheets, pillow cases, towels, and washcloths) for Abilene Boys Ranch to the Christmas party scheduled for December 9 in the home of Mrs. Comer Haynes.

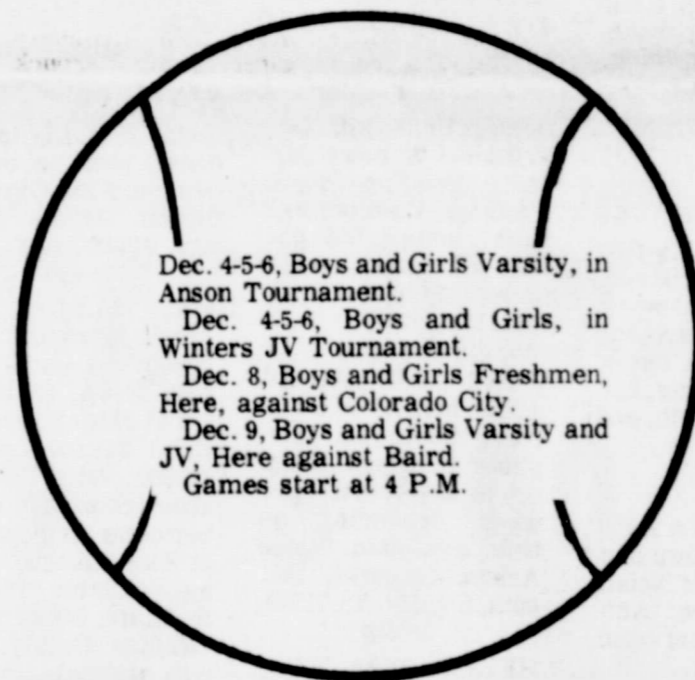
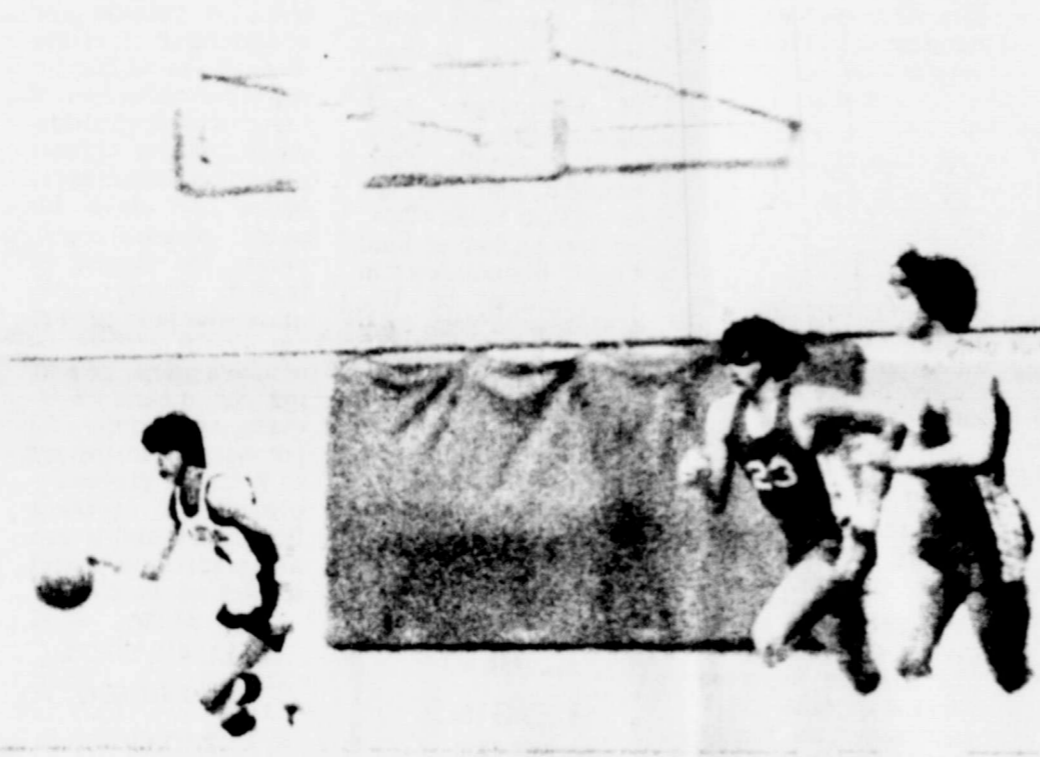
Mrs. Shouse called attention to Bible Week and the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday by quoting from THE UPPER ROOM which included "Thank You God for so many things to thank You for."

Mrs. Ray Wilson, program chairman, explain-

ed that the program scheduled for the meeting was canceled because of the ice and introduced a program on Thanksgiving reading first the 100th Psalm from the Bible. Each member then told one or two instances of which she was especially thankful, which included health, family, friends, country, faith in fellowman, and especially, faith in God and the freedom to worship God.

The hostesses, Mrs. Seymoure and Mrs. Allen King, served refreshments to Mmes. Shouse, Wilson, Johnny Cox, W.R. Cypert, S.C. Dixon, Charles Eager, Mack Fisher, Comer Haynes, C.B. Knight, Ed Sandusky, Curtis Rister, Ray Elmore, and Misses Mildred Hamm, Avis Deavers, and Maurine White, and to guests, Mrs. Vera West and Mrs. Carol Benson.

This week's schedule



Dec. 4-5-6, Boys and Girls Varsity, in Anson Tournament.
Dec. 4-5-6, Boys and Girls, in Winters JV Tournament.
Dec. 8, Boys and Girls Freshmen, Here, against Colorado City.
Dec. 9, Boys and Girls Varsity and JV, Here against Baird.
Games start at 4 P.M.

Todd Gregory moves the ball upcourt against Jim Ned in recent action. The Badger boys and

girls teams will all be involved in tournaments this weekend. The Varsityes will be playing in the

Anson Tournament and the JV teams will be in the Winters Tournament. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson.)

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40-2tc
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41-TFC
FOR SALE: 1969 Chevy Impala, A-1 condition, priced to sell. Call Cyrus Pee, 928-5613.

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FOR SALE: 2 full size mattresses and box springs \$100.00 for the pair. Call 928-4755.

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41-1tc
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41-1tp
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41-1tp
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41-2tc
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41-TFC
FOR SALE: Stereo, record player, small cabinet, mapel, also electric adding machine, does everything, CASIO 12, 928-5834, 301 El Paso.

41-1tc
GARAGE SALES
GARAGE SALE: five family sale, Christmas items, dolls, sewing machine, bed spreads and many misc. items, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 6th, 7th, and 8th, 206 Ash.

41-1tp
GARAGE SALE: Thursday 4th thru Sunday the 7th, 124 Nolan, Tye. Furniture, Antiques, and lots of misc.

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GARAGE SALE: 815-813 Oak, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Heaters, antique furniture, childrens clothes, adult winter clothes, toys, bedding misc. 5 families.

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CARD OF THANKS

The Pioneer Methodist Church would like to thank the people that attended the recent Lord's Acre Sale. We had a large crowd and honored Paul Orsborn for his efforts in promoting the sale in the past. We'd like to especially thank Don Dudley, auctioneer, (broken foot and all).

41-1tc

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8-TFC

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Very truly yours, Wagstaff, Harrell, Alvis, Batjer, Stubbeman & Seamster

By: W.G. Arnot, III 40-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Clotilda Rodriguez Ronquillo, Respondent: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the First Amended petition of Jose Ronquillo, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 12th day of November, 1980, against Clotilda Rodriguez Ronquillo, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 4476-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Jose Ronquillo and Clotilda Rodriguez Ronquillo", the nature of which suit is a request to obtain a divorce from

the Respondent. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 12th day of November, 1980.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy.

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An ordinance governing the operation of the City Landfill; providing for setting of fees for private and commercial refuse disposal; providing for rules for collection of fees; providing authority for waiver of fees; providing for setting of hours and days for public disposal; providing for closing of landfill during inclement weather; providing for the prohibiting of scavengers; providing for means of ingress and egress for persons not in the act of refuse disposal; providing a severability clause and a penalty clause and providing for publication.

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Gibson's 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Rt. 3, Merkel, will be honored with a 60th Wedding Anniversary reception in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gibson, Sunday Dec. 7th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Host for the occasion will be the honorees' children, Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Gibson, Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gibson, Mrs. David Gibson, Pasadena, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lindsey, Grainola, Ok., who will be celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary also.

Parilee Ash and Dent Gibson were married Dec. 4, 1920 in Ft. Worth. Mr. Gibson is a retired farmer and was employed with Bell Helicopter until 1965.

Both are Merkel natives and have lived in Merkel and Taylor county most of their lives. Mrs. Gibson operated a beauty shop in Merkel for 26 years. The couple have 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Their daughter, Denta, married Clyde Lindsey at First Baptist Church in Merkel, Dec. 4, 1955. The Lindseys have lived in Oklahoma for the past 16 years where Mr. Lindsey is employed by Phillips Petroleum Company. Mrs. Lindsey is employed in the dental office of Dr. Preston D. Landrum in Pawhuska, Okla.

The couple have one daughter, Mrs. Leb (Tanya) Williams and two grandsons.

Friends and relatives of both couples are invited to attend the reception. They request there be no gifts.



Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson
 Celebrating 60th anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lindsey
 Celebrating 25th anniversary

Reid-Nickson wed

University Church of Christ in Canyon was the setting for double ring marriage vows exchanged by Teresa Denise Reid and Mark David Nickson in ceremonies Friday evening.

Bob Crass, minister, and Jeff Reid, officiated at the marriage service.

Club dinner held

A Thanksgiving Dinner was enjoyed by the Comper Extension Homemakers members and guests in the Noodle Community Center, November 20. Chicken and dressing and all the trimmings plus good visiting were enjoyed by Mr. and

After a reception in the fellowship hall of the church, the couple departed for a wedding trip to Colorado Springs and South Fork, Colorado. They will be establishing their home at 437 Poncha in Alamosa, Colorado.

Teresa (Terri) is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Reid.

Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr., Rupert Woodard, Clayton Dillard, T.R. Busby, Clyde Mims, Clyde Chancey, Don Adair, David Chancey and Staci, Wilson Williams, Mrs. Ernest Spurgin, Hugh Taylor, Cherie and Shawn McAndrews and Wayne Mays.

Lambda Beta enjoys school

Lambda Beta enjoyed an evening at the Southern Living Cooking School in Abilene on Nov. 18. Barbara Welsh was selected from the group to go on stage and taste and enjoy some of the food that was prepared.

Also Gloria Henslee won as a door prize one of Ten sacks of groceries that were given away.

Those enjoying the evening were: Gayla Beard, Judy Elliott, Gloria Henslee, Nancy Hogan, Chera Hohher-tz, Minyon Seymore, Barbara Welch, Barbara Peterman and a guest, Janie Lankford.

Noodle exes have homecoming

The Noodle Homecoming Association met Saturday, November 29 in Merkel at the Senior Citizens Building for the bi-annual meeting.

Program was directed by Juanita Daniel Zachry of Abilene, program chairman. Earlier days of Noodle were recalled as she told of happy events of her class of 1933. Students in that class were: Juanita Daniel Zachry, Cricket Miller Sloan, J.E. Touchstone, Bertis Sharp, Lozella Huber Carter, Lowell Barbee, Hiram Satterwhite Wayne Satterwhite, Leon Thompson and Floyd Reece.

Juanita's daughters, Barbra Williams and Beth Pate of Abilene, played the piano and led the singing. One song the group sang was, "There'll be a Hot Time in Cross Roads Tonight", recalling the days when Noodle was known as Cross Roads.

Mrs. Lucille Beene Ely of Stamford was recognized as the oldest former student present. She attended the Noodle school in 1902. The Rosson brothers were recognized as coming a great distance. Ellis from Taft, Texas and Sam from Idalou. The flower arrangement in school colors was presented to Roy Justice of Houston after drawing his number.

Mary Stanley was presented a necklace in appreciation of her tenth year as secretary of the association.

What's happening in Tye

By Harold Boyd

This is the week of the start of the last of the holidays for 1980, thus starting off with Thanksgiving then the birth of the Christ Child. To you readers, we wish you a Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday. Remember that this is a day of giving thanks; remember all the things that we could be thankful for. Still the best country to be in despite of its problems, land of plenty and plenty to be thankful for. Let us all remember the 53 that won't be here to be with their loved one, still hopes that they will be reunited in the very near future.

Your trash pick up days for the remainder holidays will be Thanksgiving, Wednesday trash service normal picked up on N. v. 26th will be picked up on Tuesday, Nov. 25th. Thursday and Friday trash service will be Wed., Nov. 26th. For the Christmas Holidays will be Wednesday the 24th, Thursday 25th will be run on December 22, Fridays, December 26 service will be run on Tuesday the 23rd. Do make your self a note of this. This is so that the city employees can be with their families on these holidays.

The roads...streets...intersections... what can one say? The contractor has done all he can, with progress we must suffer some, but are the streets going to be this way after the project is completed? One can only guess...James Snowden, Mayor, doesn't have an answer nor do any one else. Surely things will straighten themselves out after the final completion of this project. We can only hope for the best. What would be the use

The morning was spent visiting and renewing acquaintances. Registration began at 9:30 a.m. with Martha Cochran McLeod and Penny Herron Vaughn registering guest. Dinner was served by Pug and Leo's of Merkel with 109 eating. During the day, 140 guests registered.

Opal Vick Garner, president, presided over the business meeting of the 1980 Homecoming. Cricket Sloan was vice president and Mary Stanley was secretary-treasurer. These officers were re-elected for the 1982 Homecoming which is to be held in Merkel, the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

The committees for the 1980 homecoming were composed of: Cline and Geraldine Satterwhite, Wanna and Vessie Justice, Evorie and Clayton Dillard, Troy and Leona Sloan, Vernon and Mary Stanley, Cricket Sloan, Ruby McCoy, Juanita Zachry, Frances and Frank Carter, and Bob and Opal Garner.

Juanita Zachry and Ruby McCoy mailed letters to those on the mailing list the first of November.

Several were present for their first homecoming and a number attended that had not attended since earlier years. Some of them were: Ken Baccus of Houston, Wallace and Sue Hill of Las Cruces, N.M., the Hunter girls, Vancil's daughter, the Corder girls, Brooks Calloway of Matador, Sharps, Lucases, Spurgins, Morgans, Stevens, Jinkens, Cox and Winters.

of trying to straighten them up now when more digging remains, spending hours and money that will not help till after the project is completed. Just bear with everyone till after it is completed.

My apology to you that read the Mail last week regarding the raffle tickets. They are 50 cents per chance. Still plenty left. The drawing for them will be the 20th of December at 9 p.m. at the fire house when they will host an open house and dance for all. Hope you will make it a date to be there.

Have had some inquiries regarding Bingo, the 1st Saturday in January, Tye Volunteer Fire Department will host bingo. So be prepared to ready for an evening of fellowship and a chance to be a winner of cash and prizes. The exact date will be announced in the future.

School will be dismissed early Wednesday for the Thanksgiving, so as everyone can start getting "Ole Tom" ready for the "Rolaids gang". Lots of work goes into this day in the kitchen for that day, then grab a chair to listen to all the moaning, groaning, after wards. Even better than that, the constant running to the frig to partake of a snack or bite of something during the replays. Then Friday the start of Christmas shopping...remember your merchants in Merkel. They too have you in mind, gifts for everyone and just prices that everyone can afford.

So for this week, good bye Tom, hello rolaids and we will see you next week. To you that have had guests from around near and far, take extra few minutes in your travel, we want to hear from you that you arrived safely.

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SCS program extended 10 years

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The public is encouraged to tell SCS officials about any changes they think should be made in the program.

Individuals are encouraged to comment on any or all of the aspects listed: Your opinion about the overall benefits of the program; The effects of the Great Plains Conservation Program on the environment, wildlife, water quality and air pollution; The economic and social impacts; Impacts on the conservation of soil and water resources; Any need for new program direction, initiatives or management to improve operations; Any problems that have hindered or delayed achievement of program goals; Possible alternatives for implementing the program more efficiently.

Ken Cash, district conservationist for SCS at

Abilene, said written comments should be sent to his office or to the SCS State Office in Temple by January 15. For information, contact Cash at 915-677-7862.

Garden club fence fund report

The members of the Merkel Garden Club are appreciative of the friends of the cemetery, who contributed to the Merkel Garden Club Cemetery Fence Fund. This money is on deposit at the F & M National Bank in a special account and is drawing interest until needed. Anyone wishing to send a memorial or to honor someone, should contact Mrs. Johnny Cox or Mrs. Mack Fisher and a beautiful card will be sent.

These memorials have been made recently: Mrs. Grover Gilbert by Mrs. Johnny Cox; Guy Dorsey by Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes and Mrs. Nell Teaff; Frances Carey by Miss Lou Ella Hughes; Mrs. J.S. Pinckley by Hazel and Ted Pargament and Minnie Coats; Mrs. J.S. Pinckley by Mrs. Johnny Cox; Mrs. J.S. Pinckley by Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Boag.

Club holds meeting

The Texas Extension Homemakers Association Council met Nov. 17, 1980 at the Activity Center in Anson at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Louise Chancey, chairman, calling the meeting to order.

Mrs. Daisy Mashburn, recreation leader, led the members in a game.

The council consisted of 12 council members, four officers, two visitors and six clubs were represented.

Mrs. Garland Price, Yearbook chairman, announced that all material for the yearbooks for 1981 had been collected and was ready to be printed.

Mrs. Alma Foster, 4-H chairman, told of the recent food show that was held at the Activity Center in Anson by all 4-H club members in the County.

Mrs. Helen Haynes, the TEHA Chairman, reported that the reports of the State meeting will be given in January.

The standing rules for Extension Homemakers were read by the chairman of each committee.

The County Christmas Party will be held at the Activity Center in Anson, Dec. 3rd. Registration will start at 9:30 a.m. There will be a covered dish luncheon and a Christmas tree. Installation of officers will be after lunch.

Necy Wilburn, county extension agent, expressed appreciation to all that helped to make the 4-H Food Show a great success.

All club scrap books must be turned in to Club President by the last meeting in November.

Goodman club meeting

Goodman Extension Club met in the home of Mrs. D.P. Adams Nov. 28 with 4 members present.

Prayer was by Mrs. Adams. The recreation was directed by Mrs. Garland Price. A Thank You note was read from the Abilene State School. The council Christmas party will be Dec. 3 in Anson in the Senior Citizen Building.

Officers for 1981 were elected. They are president- Mrs. Garland Price, vice president- Mrs. Dennis Butler, council delegate- Mrs. Frank Carter.

Refreshments were served by Ione Adams to Amy Price, Odessa Butler and Belvie Butler.

MISD menu

Thursday Dec. 4: Tin Can casserole, potatoes, carrots, onions, lettuce and tomato salad with choice of dressing, corn bread, and pineapple pudding.

Friday Dec. 5: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, onion, french fries with catsup, and raisins.

Monday Dec. 8: beef tacos, taco sauce, Pinto beans, lettuce cheese, taco shells, and purple plum cobbler.

Tuesday Dec. 9: oven fried pork steak with gravy, candied yams, green beans, whole wheat rolls, and fruit cup.

Wednesday Dec. 10: meat loaf, mashed potatoes, seasoned spinach, hot rolls, and applesauce.

Thursday Dec. 11: fried fish with tartar sauce, blackeyed peas with snaps, slaw with sweet and sour dressing, corn bread, and lemon pudding.

Friday Dec. 12: cheeseburgers, lettuce tomato, onions, tater tots with catsup, and fresh orange wedge.

Garden club has meeting

The Merkel Garden Club met Nov. 20 at the Community Center with the social committee as hostess.

On display were many artistic creations by club members. These were of dried materials and displays in baskets, picture frames and wooden material. A discussion of these was led by Mrs. Ralph Wilburn and Mrs. Oda Clark. Mrs. Leota Sherrill gave a demonstration using native wood and materials.

Plans were made for the Christmas luncheon and Christmas projects.

Those present were: Mrs. W. L. Brown, Mrs. Oda Clark, Mary Click, Mrs. Lottie Everett, Mrs. Ora Griggs, Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. G.R. Peachy, Mrs. Tom Russum, Mrs. W.T. Sadler, Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. Charlie Shevill, Mrs. Ralph Wilburn.

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couple, \$20.00 singles. The charge covers the food, champagne and entertainment so we will ask that you pay or charge at the front door. Let's party the old year out and the new year in together. It will be a party that surpasses anything we have done yet. RSVP

MERKEL is closer than Dallas if you are worried about the drive back to Abilene. Keep it at 55 and it will be a piece of cake.

DUE to the various private Christmas parties this month, we won't be having any restaurant specials. If you haven't made reservations for your party, now is the time to do so. Call me at the office 928-5514 or 672-3942.

THE Country Club will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas so the staff will take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Trent News

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Thursday December 4, 1980

School schedule

Several activities are scheduled at Trent School over the next two weeks.

This weekend is the annual basketball tourney for high school boys and girls. Tournament action starts Thursday and will wind up Saturday night.

On December 8, the Trent Jr. High Basketball team will play at McCauley. The boys pee wee game will get started at 5 p.m.

On December 9, the faculty women at Trent will play the basketball mothers at the Trent Gym at 7 p.m.

At the December 11th meeting of the Trent Community Club, the Trent High Band will present it's annual Christmas musical.

Trent hosting tourney

The Trent boys basketball team has lost their first two games of the year.

Trent lost their opener 28-23 to Ira. Riley West led Trent with 8 points and Greg Beasley scored 7. In their second game, Loraine outscored Trent 80-60. Beasley led all scored with 29, followed by Richard Beaver's 9, and Matt Jackson's 8 points.

The girls are 1-1 after their first two games. Trent downed Ira 46-33 behind Leigh Ann McGlothlin's 12 points and Leslie Masonheimer added 10.

The girls lost to Loraine as Rebecca Sipe had 21 and McGlothlin had 9.

Both the boys and the girls teams will play in the Trent tourney this weekend.

Kindergarten

registration soon

Registration for the spring Trent ISD Kindergarten program is scheduled for Dec. 11.

Each child is required to present a birth certificate as well as immunization (shot) records. Kindergarten classes will begin Jan. 19, 1981.

Scout contests

Girl Scout Troop No. 175 held two competitions during the month of November. All the girls learned to make stuffed toys. Tammy Collier took first with a stuffed dog. Sandy Collier took second with her lion and third went to Kim Orr with her frog. Later in the month the girls made first-aid posters. Luci Masonheimer won

first, showing necessary items for a first aid kit. Tammy Collier showed first aid for a broken bone for second place.

Other November activities included a first aid lecture by Mrs. Nelda Masonheimer and a pajama party. The girls will be attending the Nutcracker Ballet in Abilene, December 6.

Reagan may find some changes tedious, impossible

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The Republican victory of 1980 will have a major effect upon the American political system for years to come. Liberal, anti-business legislation, like Ralph Nader's Corporate Democracy Act, are dead for this Congress and probably for the rest of the decade. But while the McGovern brand of liberalism may appear to have been firmly trounced in the Republican Senate and the conservative Democratic House of Representatives, we may expect to see it rear its head through that fourth branch of government often overlooked by political reformers, the independent regulatory agencies. Regulations issued by these agencies have the binding force of law and can only be revoked by the agencies themselves or, in rare cases, by a court.

As President, Ronald Reagan will quickly learn that controlling the independent regulatory agencies is no easy task. Creations of Congress, these agencies are responsible directly to that body, but even then only marginally. Like profligate children, they return yearly to Congress for additional funding and, like the busy but saddened parent it is, Congress reaches deep into the taxpayers' pockets to reward its offspring. With their funding thus secured, the agencies are then free to direct their own regulatory policies and prosecute whom they please. Particularly aggressive agencies like the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission can execute wide ranging guidelines that force businesses to go absurd lengths to avoid appearing the slightest bit discriminatory in their employment practices. Like many of the other independent regulatory commissions, the EEOC can choose which regulations it will enforce vigorously and which it will leave on the back burner. In short, the independent regulatory agencies draw up their own legal agendas and need answer to no one.

Regulations handed down by the independent agencies have the same force of law as federal statutes passed by Congress and signed by the President. Furthermore, the scope of judicial review in determining the validity of these regulations is narrow since the Courts "defer" to an agency's expertise in its own area of specialty. Regulations may be declared invalid only if the Courts find them "arbitrary and capricious," a legal doctrine that effectively places the federal regulatory agencies beyond the law and makes challenging suits against them legally complex and expensive.

The President's only real control over this independent fourth branch of government lies in his authority to reappoint or replace agency commissioners as their terms of office expire. In this area, however, President-elect Reagan will have a difficult time imprinting his own style and ideas. Average terms of service range between five and seven years, and in most cases President Carter has appointed the optimum number of Commissioners to ensure that no serious vacancies will occur over the next few years. The Consumer Product Safety Commission, for instance, is headed by five Carter-appointed Commissioners. The earliest vacancy in that agency is not expected before October of 1982. Carter's "packing" of such large agencies means that the big government philosophy of the

Democratic Party will likely live on long after the Republicans have assumed their new seats in the House and Senate.

Another roadblock President Reagan will have to surmount is the existence of an activist, liberal, federal judiciary, one that will lend a sympathetic ear to liberal complaints from the public interest law community outside of government and the well placed liberal bureaucrats within it. President Carter has appointed nearly 40 percent of this country's 678 federal judges, and unlike agency appointments, these positions carry life tenure.

The new administration, promising to sweep away many of the regulations of the last ten years, may expect constant court battles with the emboldened public interest movement of the Left which will be undergoing a transition all its own. It is likely that radical, Naderite "public interest" law firms will grow over the next few years to absorb many of the thousands of liberal politicians, lawyers, and bureaucrats who will be in search of jobs after Inauguration Day January 20.

Rejecting the American voters' November verdict on their policies of regulation, intervention, and control, the public interest groups on the Left will begin a new activist campaign in the courts as well as in the media to safeguard their policies and preserve a remnant of their accomplishments. Swelling armies of public interest lawyers will intervene in agency proceedings, file court challenges to slow economic development, harass business and challenge Reagan inspired deregulations. This wave of increased public policy lobbying and confrontation will shortly emerge to rock Reagan's presidency and to make any progress of the new administration slow and elusive.

Republicans, Independents and moderate Democrats have won an extraordinary victory in 1980, one that promises to transform the face of American politics. But the victors of this election should not forget that our system is one which prevents any Party from immediately translating election results into policy changes. A full

transformation will take several years and will only be accomplished through a thorough reorientation of our courts and the last network of federal regulatory agencies.

Only by paying close attention to the independent federal bureaucracy can Mr. Reagan expect to enjoy the full fruits of a landslide victory at the polls.

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